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HOSPITAL AND TRAINING-SCHOOL ITEMS



HOSPITALS

IN the hospital for consumptives, which is an annex of the Erie County Hospital, in Buffalo, N. Y., experts concede that Erie County is in possession of one of the most complete equipments for the treatment of consumptives in the United States. Its superiority over all similar institutions in the Empire State is acknowledged. The new institution, complete and ready for the reception of patients, was first opened to the public on March 28. Throughout the interval between the hours of eleven and five o'clock Dr. E. J. Gilray, medical superintendent of the Erie County Hospital, and his staff received persons interested in the new institution and directed their inspection. Among the visitors were many prominent physicians of Buffalo and medical men from other cities professionally interested in the modern apparatus there installed. The hospital is located southeast of the main hospital, with which it is connected by a long hall-way. The idea has been to isolate it as much as possible from the other departments. It is an imposing structure, two stories in height and built of hammer-dressed stone. To the south is a broad expanse of meadow, which will be the roaming grounds for the male patients. On the north side is another large plot for the female patients. The upper portion of the building is for the exclusive use of female patients and will accommodate sixteen. The lower portion of the building is for male patients and will care for thirty-four. The accommodations were based on the relative number of female and male patients as determined by medical statistics. The sanitary and drainage system is apart from that of the main institution and is very complete. Everywhere possible light has been let in and fresh air provided, and by the use of the solariums patients may at all times of the day enjoy Nature's elements. Modern bath- and toilet-rooms are liberally provided, with every known apparatus and device known to medical science in the treatment of tuberculosis.

THE New York County Visiting Committee for Bellevue Hospital and other institutions declares in its annual report, just issued by its president, Dr. George G. Wheelock, that larger quarters are needed in the Harlem and Fordham Reception Hospitals and in the City Lodging-House. Bellevue, the committee reports, needs repainting throughout, with new floors, new plumbing, a system of electric lighting and elevators, though an entirely new building would be better. The Harlem Hospital needs a new site and the buildings should be better. In the present hospital the bathing facilities are wholly inadequate. Fordham Hospital occupies leased property, and the buildings do not belong to the city. Building operations in the neighborhood have made it very uncomfortable for the patients, and there is no ward for children, of whom many are received as patients. Nor has the hospital any crematory, the used dressings being burned in a vacant lot. Another feature of the hospital's service which the committee criticises is the long distance over which patients are transported. Some of them have to be carried seven miles, and in emergency cases this has at times resulted in death. The committee therefore recommends the erection of a small emergency hospital

in the eastern part of The Bronx. It is also recommended that female nurses be employed in preference to men, with orderlies to assist them in the heavy work of caring for the patients.—*New York Medical Record*.

STATE HOSPITAL BOARDS ABOLISHED.—Governor Odell, of New York, has signed the bill abolishing the Boards of Managers of the State Hospitals for the Insane. The Boards of Managers of these institutions lost their offices on April 1, and the State Commission in Lunacy has assumed charge of the hospitals. The Governor will appoint Boards of Visitation for each of the hospitals.

THE Commissioner of Health of New York City has set on foot a movement for the establishment of a public hospital for contagious diseases in each of the five boroughs of the city. Nothing is more needed than these hospitals, and it will be an inestimable boon to the public if they are built.

TRAINING-SCHOOL NOTES

AN interesting service was held at the Orange Training-School on March 18 for the awarding of the Maltese gold cross to Miss Florence G. Hauer for special meritorious work. This service was conducted by Archdeacon Manus, and the cross was given by the president of the school. Following the service was a demonstration in charge of Mrs. Smith, the superintendent of the school, which consisted of a sham operation conducted by pupil nurses. A prize essay was also read by Miss Schoolbred on "Preventive Measures in Contagious Diseases." The prize was given by the superintendent and was THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING for one year. The exercises were largely attended and great interest was manifested in the work of the school. An infirmary for nurses, both graduate and pupil, will shortly be erected on the Training-School property. It will be kept exclusively for contagious diseases, and will be made as germ proof as possible. Graduate nurses have taken a very active and energetic interest in this project, and one-quarter of the entire cost of the building has been pledged by them.

OWING to the ill-health of her mother, Miss Martha P. Parker has resigned her position as superintendent of the Salem Hospital at Salem, Mass. She has held the position since January 1, 1894.

A farewell reception was given Miss Parker. The Alumnae Association presented her with a beautiful desk set in silver, the present pupils of the School gave an exquisite set of bread and butter plates in Haviland ware, and the employes of the hospital a handsome silver candelabra. A pleasant social hour was passed.

Miss Louise Seldes, a graduate of a Philadelphia Training-School and former supervisor at Salem Almshouse, has been appointed to succeed Miss Parker.

MISS GILMOUR, the successor of Miss Darchis on Blackwell's Island, has, with the help of Mrs. Cadwalader Jones, who has always been a pillar of strength behind the Training-School,—planned for a three-years' course to be given in October. There will be three-months' preliminary training, the details of which we hope soon to learn. The Commissioner of Charities has approved the plan, which cannot but greatly benefit the five city hospitals which are nursed by this school. Miss Darchis's ideal of a Department of Nursing for the City of New

York may yet come to be realized, and we are grateful that her mantle has fallen on Miss Gilmour's shoulders, and hope Mrs. Jones may ever stand by the school.

MISS EDITH MAYON has recently been appointed superintendent of the hospital at London, Ontario. Miss Mayon is an Englishwoman trained at the Illinois Training-School in Chicago, and has held a number of institution positions in the United States and Canada.

MISS MARIE AEBISHER has resigned her position as head surgical nurse in Cook County Hospital to assume the duties of superintendent of nurses at a hospital in Salida, Col. Her position will be filled by Miss Robb, of the Class of 1891.

THE Bellevue Training-School reports a lengthened course,—two years and six months. The managers also offer a year's training to such of their graduates as show executive ability in the management of Training-School and hospital.

MISS LOWRY, assistant at the Homœopathic Hospital, Rochester, has resigned, and will be succeeded by Miss Underhill, one of the last year's graduates of the course in hospital economics at Teachers' College, New York.

MISS HAY, of the Class of 1895, of the Illinois Training-School, has been appointed superintendent of nurses in the County Institution at Dunning. Miss Hay will have some good openings for head nurses.

WE are advised that the Board of Managers of the New York Hospital refused to accept Miss Irene Sutcliffe's resignation, but have granted her an indefinite leave of absence on account of ill-health.

MISS LILLIAN HUFFCUT has resigned as superintendent of nurses of the Children's Hospital, San Francisco, Cal., and will take a long rest.

THE New Jersey State Hospital for the Insane at Trenton is to have a training-school for nurses.

